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SUBJECT: LEBANESE PERMREP TUENI ON 1949 LEBANESE/ISRAELI
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

1. IN COURSE OF AUGUST 11 DISCUSSION WITH AMB LEONARD ON
SITUATION IN LEBANON, TUENI OFFERED HIS IMPRESSION THAT
GOL LETTER TO WALDHEIM ON STATUS OF 1949 ARMISTICE AGREE-
MENT WAS WRITTEN BY BOUTROS. HE DID NOT KNOW THIS AS FACT,
BUT DEDUCED IT FROM THE SYTLE. TUENI VIEWS LETTER AS VERY
SKILLFULLY CONSTRUCTED, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT IT IS UP TO
ISRAEL TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IF THE AGREEMENT IS TO BE
REVIVED AND REINSTATED.

2. TUENI EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE REVIVAL OF THE 1949
LEBANESE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, IF ACHIEVED, WOULD BE PER-
CEIVED IN BEIRUT AS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE SARKIS GOVERN-
MENT. INDEED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARGUE THAT THE EFFORT
TO PLACE LAF BATTALION AT TIBNIN, INVOLVING REAFFIRMATION
OF GOL AUTHORITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, HAD ACTUALLY SET
STAGE FOR AN EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT -- I.E.,
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THE REVIVAL OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH TUENI AND BELIEVE IT
DESIRABLE TO TRY TO CONVINCE DAYAN TO PROCEED ALONG LINES
INDICATED IN HIS LETTER TO WALDHEIM, TO HAVE GOI ANNOUNCE
REINSTATEMENT OF 1949 AGREEMENT. YOUNG

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